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Friends,

Happy New Year from CAMP MANHATTAN!

The Centurion team had a busy but quiet holiday period. We were able to decorate some areas for the holidays, and we brightened the post by doing some creative work on the traffic circle. On Christmas day, all of the soldiers had the opportunity to eat a large holiday meal in the messhall, and HHC hosted a basketball tournament.

The communications team worked nonstop for over a week. They were able to open the MWR computer and phone center on Christmas day. I thank them for their dedication.

The battalion also received weight sets and other MWR equipment. Although free time is limited, soldiers now have a variety of ways to relax.

Every company has been involved in offensive actions over the last three weeks. We have been very successful in finding and destroying weapon cache sites, and we have disrupted enemy cells in the area.

Each company has also been involved in conducting school assessments. We use these to direct money for school repairs. We have spent \$200,000 on local schools since 01 October and nearly \$100,000 on local health clinics. Everyday your Centurion soldiers are working to create a better quality of life for everyone in the area.

In closing, we send a special thanks to the Family Readiness Group ladies. All of the soldiers received a Christmas gift. Thank you for your support and hard work.

May God bless you and the Centurion Team in the New Year.

LTC Jeff Swisher  
CENTURION 6

**The staff poses in front of the post Christmas tree.**

